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I am a 50 year Venice resident. I have witnessed gentrification, skyrocketing rents and out of control property values tear our community apart. There is a housing crisis for poor and low income people, and there is not enough affordable and low income housing. Those with mental illness face an inadequate health care system that punishes and marginalizes them.

I was dismayed that Sheriff Villanueva showboated on the Venice Boardwalk usurping LAPD's jurisdiction.

The LA Times recently reported that the Sheriff wants to clear the beach (boardwalk) by July 4th, saying this is public space. In the Ninth Circuit case, Martin v. Boise, the court posited that a person living in public space could not be removed unless there was available shelter. There is not. The strategy that the Sheriff proposes DOES NOT WORK, and is one of the primary reasons we are in this unhappy state compounded by misguided city policies including disinvestment in affordable housing and systemic racism, among others.

There are many caring and competent people, including outreach teams from local agencies, who have been working diligently on homelessness in Venice. the Sheriff's sending in an "outreach team" to the Boardwalk, followed by threat of mass eviction in 3 weeks, is preposterous, harmful and inhumane.

Villanueva is simply exploiting this very difficult and divisive issue.

Susan Millmann

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sheriff in Hospitals	sheriffs are a nessecery component in our hospitals . please do not remove there office. this will couse kaos . and endanger our nurses and doctors . not to mention our Nursing assistants. who are the first contact to the patients. and please change therscope of practice and allow them to assist the nurses and doctor when a patinet (inmate) tryes to assalt a staff member. it kinda dont make scence haveing them there and not being able to help It doesnt take a genuse to figure that one out. Sorry for the sarcazum, but realy we the people requier them to serve and protect our staff thank you for your time. Edward Duarte. CNA	Edward Ben Duarte
2010 techterrors & 2013 Nanotechterrors in bizarre, painful, Decietful Omnipresence forms	By 2010 I Gisela Violeta Martinez began to hear threats, mockings, sexual harassments ONLY over obvious technology such as speakers, tv's, phone's & computer monitors describing what I or my daughter's had on, our background; increased abnormal ongoing clerical errors, altered photos, fraudulent use of my signature from USA courts resulting in inaccurate, false incomplete, unfair, cruel & unusual punishing rulings that forced joint legal custody w/ex abussive husband (who was a mellow man mostly) but who threatened me into marriage after USPS removal due to injuries 2000 & 2002 while delivering US Mail(improper work equipment & conditions). I experienced 6 physically violent endurements(minus bizarre bruises of appx. year 2006 (photos taken by my sister Melissa Morales) by Carl Gregory Owens a Marine Vietnam Vet who also slapped my Adriana across her face w/o cause & my daughter's & I endured many verbal & emotional degradations over a 23year off/on Span(many shelters had no space &/or required I have visible bruising. The USA, California courts failed to acknowledge a whole year of my Domestic Violence	Gisela VIOLETA Martinez

Divorce Filing at Compton Court Comm. Stephen Lowry(2010) where I struggled to travel to and from for years seeking help while enduring medical negligence resulting in added injuries & now I have an organ prolapse that painfully slides or pops out from vaginal canal possibly due to stomach reduction(tuck denied, "cosmetic" Dr. Taylor of Kaiser on Imperial Hwy)of 2006 or 2007, or Dr. F.Mossazadeh at Harbor Kaiser, partial hysterectomy of 2010 to remove 4 fallen metal filshie clips(tubal sterilization of 2004,one may still be left inside) or my movements of daily living or forced excess walking trying to meet

**General Public Comment** 

Housing is the key for people living on the Venice Boardwalk, not criminalization and threats.

Geneva Vogelheim

This week, the LA County Sheriff and others unfamiliar with Venice and its unhoused residents held press events on the Venice Boardwalk calling for the forced displacement and criminalization of unhoused people in order to "clean up" the Boardwalk. Time and time again, this approach has proven to fail in Los Angeles, and cause harm to people already dealing with crisis, trauma, and the extreme lack of affordable housing across our region and especially on the Westside.

While the Sheriff claimed his team would engage in outreach for a few weeks before clearing the area by the 4th of July, his outreach team is not connected to the housing and service organizations in Venice and there are nowhere near enough resources, unfortunately, to house everyone in three weeks. Additionally, outreach connected to threats of enforcement and displacement only further isolates most people who have been pushed around from the streets to shelters to jail and back to the streets for years.

Everyone can see the housing and humanitarian crisis in our neighborhood and in our region. While exacerbated by the COVID pandemic, it is the result of decades of disinvestment in affordable housing and other critical resources, systemic racism in land use policies, housing, employment and mass incarceration policies, and growing income and wealth inequality. Not one politician, one law enforcement official, one non-profit, one neighborhood group is going

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Ariane White

2C. Update and Discussion regarding the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's policy and response to large protests

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) deputies have ignored the First Amendment rights of protesters and journalists, brewing hostility and delegitimizing protests in general. At the same time, Sheriff Villanueva refuses to take action against deputy gangs because of the First Amendment. It has become clear that Villanueva can respect the First Amendment when it comes to deputy gangs, but can't extend the same respect when it comes to protestors and journalists. We cannot allow LASD deputies and Villanueva to ignore the First Amendment rights of protestors and journalists while using it to protect deputy gangs.

2D. Discussion regarding the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Deputies in Hospital Our community members have lost their trust in care facilities because of the dangerous presence of sheriff's department deputies in our hospitals. Despite over a decade of reforms, sheriff presence in hospitals continues to violate patient rights, undermine legal protections of patients and interrupt care. We are demanding that the COC pass a resolution instructing the Board of Supervisors to reinvest the \$35 million annually spent on LASD substations at our county hospitals towards hospitals based community safety strategies. Funding Sheriff presence in hospitals is inconsistent with the county's Care First mission, and these funds would be better used to support violence prevention services and upstream solutions to harm that benefit.

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Delia Brown

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Sheriff Alex Villanueva has been running a PR campaign in Venice and is preparing for a mass eviction of people who are unhoused while spending County resources on photo-ops and preparing 2,000 jail beds for "non-compliant" unhoused residents. Sheriff Villanueva is only furthering the gentrification of Venice, draining funds from community-based services, and expanding the incarceration and criminalization of unhoused community members. I support an end to all law enforcement sweeps that harm our unhoused neighbors and that Sheriff Villanueva leave Venice.

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#### **General Public Comments**

Sheriff Villanueva has been present at the Venice boardwalk erroneously claiming to provide "outreach" to community members living in encampments there. In reality, his department has been collecting personal information while preparing to evict hundreds of people staying on the boardwalk. Additionally, Villanueva has been using County resources for "crisis intervention team" photo-ops when that money should be going to community-based services in-need of support. I am extremely concerned by reports that the Sheriff has 2,000 jail beds prepped and ready for "non-compliant" unhoused residents. The LASD fuels gentrification, displacement, and carceral housing. We need to divert funding out of the Sheriff's Department, fully fund Measure J, reallocate all of the County's AB109 dollars out of law enforcement and into alternatives to incarceration and housing that affirms the freedom, peace and stability of our community members. I also encourage the state Attorney General to step in, who has the authority to investigate and supervise the Sheriff. Attorney General Bonta must continue the investigation that Becerra began, and remind Villanueva that he does not have the jurisdiction to act in Venice, and that he and the entire LASD must stand down. We also remind the City and County that we are looking away from the harms of sweeps performed by other law enforcement bodies, namely the LAPD. We demand an end to ALL law enforcement sweeps that harm our unhoused neighbors.

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# 2C, 2D, General Public Comment

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Sarah Bowers

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This committee needs to do something to fully hold LASD and Sheriff Villanueva responsible for their actions and crimes against democracy.

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General public comment

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Rachel Rosenbloom

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Cecilia Gomez

Hello. My name is Mischa DiBattiste

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General Public Comment: I have been working at Safe Place for Youth, an agency serving youth experiencing homelessness in Venice, for 6 years and I am outraged at the Sheriff's overstepping of authority and complete disregard for the continued calls from services providers for more services. Housing is key for people living on the Venice Boardwalk, not criminalization and threats.

Time and time again, this approach has proven to fail in Los Angeles, and cause harm to people already dealing with crisis, trauma, and the extreme lack of affordable housing across our region and especially on the Westside. Criminalization will not end homelessness. It will cause increased harm and exacerbate the crisis.

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The sherif is wholly unprepared and incapable of dealing humanely and legally with the unhoused people living on Venice beach. So long as there is insufficient shelter available, people have the right to utilize public space. The county should take steps to sanction and organize safe places on Venice beach for the unhoused to pitch their tents and provide sanitation and services until housing can be provided. These are people, neighbors, who need our support, not debris to be swept away into someone else's neighborhood.

## Steve Clare

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#### Alex cave

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general dogon

Lexie Beer

I was dismayed and, frankly, furious to see the Sheriff's showboating in my community. The LA Times recently reported that you wanted to clear the beach (boardwalk) by July 4th, saying this is public space. In the Ninth Circuit case, Martin v. Boise, the court posited that a person living in public space could not be removed unless there was available shelter. There is not. The strategy that you propose DOES NOT WORK, and is one of the primary reasons we are in this unhappy state compounded by misguided city policies including disinvestment in affordable housing and systemic racism, among others. There are many caring and competent people, including outreach teams from local agencies, who have been working diligently on homelessness in Venice. Your sending in an "outreach team" to the Boardwalk, followed by threat of mass eviction in 3 weeks, is preposterous, harmful and inhumane.

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2D, general public comment, and 2C

Sunita Patel

I am an Assistant Professor of Law at UCLA School of Law and the Faculty Director of the UCLA Veterans Legal Clinic. My areas of research include policing, houselessness, and civil rights. I'm currently engaged in a project examining hospital policing specifically. (These titles and affiliations are provided for identification purposes only.)

On Item 2D, I urge the Civilian Oversight Commission to withdraw LASD authority within hospital settings other than in the most extreme circumstances. Although the Fourth Amendment provides little guidance on the limits of police authority within Emergency Rooms or hospital spaces, we know from sociological and medical ethics research that police presence creates harmful and traumatizing care and work settings. First, some studies suggest that uniforms and weapons (particularly firearms) are triggering for patients and create stress for care workers. Even where nurses and social workers have called for improved safety, they often request non-security mechanisms and changes in the built environment rather than more private security or police presence. Second, as an attorney representing veterans of the US military, my clients report that police presence is alarming and creates activation for their PTSD and other disabilities. Unfortunately, the medical and care work fields are not immune from structural inequality and racial bias. The racial and economic composition of public hospitals, and even private hospitals that serve unhoused and medically vulnerable patients, has led to carceral care spaces in hospitals. The solutions are not simple and require a holistic approach to caring for patients (some in acute

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Trevor Byrne

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2a: I'm grateful for the strength of these families for sharing their pain to further show that these sheriff departments and this sheriff have caused so much pain to these families & they don't make our communities safe at all

2c: I have participated at many protests that sheriffs have exaggerated their response to us by their riot gear & non lethal weapons, as well as their aggression and use of these non lethals irresponsibly and shooting from short distance that makes those weapons lethal

2d : we have seen in many cases of mental health calls , that the sheriffs are not equipped to handle these situations , they show up and act violently instead of an actual health care worker that knows how to deescalate , they automatic response to a noncompliant person is to shoot to kill , they do not belong in our hospitals , they killed Nicholas Burgos that lost his life seeking help a rogue deputy was told to leave the room repeatedly by health care workers but ended his life anyway

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- I personally think this commission has the ability to remove Sheriff Villanueva
- also stop allowing the criminalization of houseless folks , in Venice and other encampments
- we have seen multiple examples that the sheriffs department has been aggressive to houseless folks and displaces folks without any resources to provide safety and housing for them
- the sheriffs department has continually shown they don't have any ability to deescalate situations at all, they are the aggressor when we

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oThe LA County Sheriff Alex Villanueva has been present at the Venice Linda Lucks boardwalk for several days, erroneously claiming to provide community members living in encampments on the beach with "outreach" and claiming to connect unhoused residents to "housing." In reality, the Sheriff's Department has been collecting personal information while preparing to arrest and evict hundreds of people staying on the boardwalk. For decades, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) has been rife with corruption, abuse of power, and impunity. We demand that Villanueva leave Venice, a locale where he has no jurisdiction, and is causing disruption and harm.

°Villanueva is using precious County resources for his facetious PR campaign, and using "crisis intervention" teams for photo ops. This is a waste of our limited public money, which community-based programs and services desperately need. To squander Angelenos' tax dollars for publicity stunts that harm our unhoused neighbors is insulting, and is an act of rhetorical and visual violence that foreshadows the actual violence Villanueva and LASD will enact when they perform 'sweeps' in Venice. It is also a cover-up of the generations of violence that Villanueva and LASD have already enacted and continue to enact on our most vulnerable community members.

oThe Sheriff's presence in Venice is an indicator of his furthering of a deeply racist, classist force harming Venice's unhoused community members: gentrification. Sheriff Villanueva's photo ops can't cover up

Alejandra Estrada

Update and Discussion regarding the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's policy and response to large protests	I am writing in support of the actions being taken by Sheriff Villanueva regarding clearing up Venice Beach of vagrants and issuing more concealed carry permits so that members of the general public can defend themselves. It is abundantly obvious that there has been a drastic increase in crime, and it is high time that this problem receives action, not just discussion! It is simply unsafe to walk in much of Venice Beach with so many vagrants who are drug addicted, mentally ill, and engaging in criminal activities.	Phyllis Nemeth
2C, 2D, & General Public Comments	We do not want this sheriff in town. It is a disrupter of the peace and an anxiety maker for our unhoused neighbors. This solves absolutely no problems permanently and is only rearranging the deck chairs. We need housing, services and neighbors who understand this. Thank you very much. Board member Venice Community Housing-Anne Zimmerman	Anne Zimmerman
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general public comment

Samantha Rainey

Carolyn

Hello. My name is Samantha Rainey. I have been volunteering at Safe Place for Youth, an agency serving youth experiencing homelessness in Venice. Right now we need to invest in services, we need to invest in housing, we need to invest in care. We need to seriously and meaningfully build up our social systems response so we can stop relying on police. We need to divert funding out of the Sheriff's Department, fully fund Measure J, reallocate all of the County's AB109 dollars out of law enforcement and into alternatives to incarceration and housing that affirms the freedom, peace and stability of our community members. Housing is key for people living on the Venice Boardwalk, not criminalization and threats.

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Sheriffs at the county jails

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Ensure the safety of incarcerated individuals, and meet their basic needs, including medical and mental health care.

Prohibit the use of excessive force and other forms of abuse.

Hold custody staff accountable for any and all misconduct and ensure greater supervisory oversight.

Establish an impartial civilian oversight body to thoroughly investigate and report allegations of transgressions or abuses of power.

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General Public Comments I write to express my grave concern at the possibility that Sheriff Villanueva is planning on bringing 2,000 unhoused individuals into county jail. Setting aside the problems with treating the problem of lack of housing with a carceral solution, this strategy would contribute to increased danger in LA County Jails from overcrowding. Prior to the coronavirus pandemic, our jails had a daily population of 17,000. The population was reduced to 12,000. On June 9, 2020, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the motion "Maintaining a Reduced Jail Population," expressing a commitment to keep LA County's Jail population (the largest in the world) at this reduced level. Since then, the jail population has climbed back to 15,000. A broad sweep of unhoused people straight into jail would remove all progress that has been made in lowering the carceral population of LA County. And to what end? Jails will remain overcrowded with abysmal conditions and we will not be a single step closer to actually housing our unhoused neighbors. The COC must hold LASD to a the commitments the County has made to finding care first, jails last solutions in our community.

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